

HF874

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose HF874 addressing Minnesota's education system.

As a parent, it concerns me that my right to choose the best education option for my children will be withdrawn due to the vague terminology used in the bill. As written, the bill could be interpreted that "all" children must attend public school versus other education options currently available. Even if not intended now, the bill can be easily be interpreted as such in the future. The court system will have the power to determine and define "quality" education, who this bill ultimately applies to, and defining the other vagueness this bill contains.

Decision making can easily be taken out of the hands of the parents, school, and community. Each child and school cannot be placed in a cookie cutter education due to the uniqueness of each child. Parents have the constitutional right to make decisions for our children with their best interest in mind and that right can easily be revoked due to the way HF874 is currently written.

The purpose and motivations of the ammendment to the current Minnesota Constitution article XIII is unclear. The actions and outcomes intended if this bill is passed and voted in by the public in the election 2022 are ambiguous and obscure. I too value the education our children are receiving and support the decision for further improvements. A change in the existing Constitution is not necessary in order to achieve that improvement to our education system. The legislature has all the constitutional authority it needs to provide and improve higher quality education in Minnesota.

I strongly oppose HF874.

Sincerely,

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